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Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" So far as I am aware, during the year 1932, the revenue firkas were not disturbed for the purpose of forming District Board constituencies or circles. Wherever it was found necessary to club two revenue firkas, it was done, but no attempt was made to take a few villages from one firka and put them into another, for the purpose of forming these circles."

The Hon. the President :—" This is not the time for making speeches."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" I want to know why that system which prevailed in 1932 has been changed in forming circles in the South Arcot district? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" There are numerous cases where revenue firkas were split up. Now that taluk boards have been abolished, the main basis is that, as far as these circles are concerned, they should be formed on the strength of population and voting strength."

Disposal, if any, of the objections received against the re-shuffling of the electoral circles of the South Arcot District Board.

* 414 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many objections and representations have been received either by Government or by the Inspector of Local Boards in respect of the proposed changes of district board electoral circles for the coming elections to the South Arcot District Board as published in G.O. No. 3275, L. & M., dated 12th August 1935, from whom and to what effect; and

(*b*) what action has been taken thereon and what the final orders issued in the matter are?

A.—(*a*) The Government consider that no useful purpose will be served by furnishing the information.

(*b*) The Government have considered representations and objections received. The proposals as finally approved by the Government will be found at pages 378–383 of Part I-A of *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 10th September 1935.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder :—" May I ask, Sir, whether I can have at least an approximate idea of the number of representations made to the Government in this respect? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" I do not know what the hon. Member means by ' approximate ' idea. Representations were made, they were considered and some changes were also made."